

CONGRATULATING LUCY MONTINOLA ALCORN ON BEING NAMED THE 2007 SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR GUAM

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 5, 2007*

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, congratulate and honor Ms. Lucy Montinola Alcorn on her selection as the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2007 Small Business Person of the Year for Guam. Lucy's dedication and commitment have made her company, Global Food Services, LLC, a growing and continuing success. Lucy is a fitting recipient of this honor.

Lucy, the fifth child born to Luis J. and Helen C. Montinola, is of Filipino and Chamorro descent. After finishing her education in the Philippines in 1979, she returned to Guam and worked in various sectors of the service industry, including customer support, sales, real estate and insurance. She never hesitated to help her husband, David Alcorn, in the management and operations of local food service providers.

In July 2003, Lucy fulfilled a dream by starting her own business, Global Food Services, LLC. With the support of the Guam office of the Small Business Administration, Global Food Services Group earned its certification as a Minority/Woman owned 8(a) and HUBZone Certified Small Disadvantaged Business. With the increase in military activities on Guam provided Lucy an opportunity to expand the operations of Global Food Services by competing successfully for contracts let by the Department of Defense.

Since its inception, the Global Food Services Group has maintained the distinction of being the first Guam-based, locally owned company to provide both direct and indirect support (quality of life) services to the U.S. Navy Bases on Guam. Presently, Global Food Services' focus has been on the management and operations of the Navy Family and Bachelor Housing Program; Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs; and providing food services, including the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) School Lunch Program.

Today, as part of her ongoing vision to expand her company, Lucy is leading Global Food Services in the pursuit of additional military and commercial projects on Guam with an ultimate goal of expanding its operations to the mainland U.S. and abroad. With a continued focus on long term sustainability of the company, she is dedicated to employee training and certification and exploration of new opportunities for her organization and individual employees.

Lucy has received the praise and admiration of Guam's entire business community. She is recognized not only for her tireless business drive, but also for her civic activities, which include her membership in the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association, the American Red Cross and the Parents Advisory Board for Father Duenas Memorial High School. Recognized

by her colleagues in the Guam Chamber of Commerce for her business acumen and enthusiasm, Lucy was nominated for the Chamber's prestigious "Executive of the Year for 2004" and was elected to the Chamber's Board of Directors for 2007 to 2009. Though she dedicates much energy and time to the Global Food Services Group and to numerous civic activities, Lucy is ever mindful that she came from a closely knit family. Imbued with these family values, Lucy is devoted to her husband David and always a dedicated mother to her children, Dereck, Cassy and Nick.

Her dedication to the Guam community, her leadership in the business world, her contributions to the quality of life for members of the armed services, and her ability to balance her career with the responsibilities of raising her three children, make her recognition as the Small Business Person of the Year very fitting.

TRIBUTE TO STATE SENATOR  
ANITA BOWSER

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 5, 2007*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness and the utmost respect that I take this time to remember a dear friend and one of Indiana's most distinguished citizens, State Senator Anita Bowser of Michigan City. On Sunday, March 4, 2007, Anita, a member of the Indiana General Assembly for the past 27 years, passed away at the age of 86 after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Known for her commitment to preserving the rights of all citizens, Anita will surely be missed by her family, friends, and the people she so loyally served.

Though well-known for her career as a public servant, Anita's life of service to her fellow citizens goes far beyond her impressive career as an elected official. A revered scholar, Anita received her bachelor's degree from Kent State University and a law degree from the McKinley School of Law, as well as a master's degree from Purdue University and a master's degree and doctorate degree from the University of Notre Dame. It should come as no surprise, then, that Anita chose to use her vast knowledge to give back to her community by becoming an educator. Anita, who taught political science classes at Purdue University North Central for many years, touched and enriched the lives of her students, many of whom went on to very successful careers in an array of fields. As an instructor, she taught her students with the same passion, commitment, and energy that she demonstrated as a member of the Indiana General Assembly. Her passion for teaching and for challenging her students will forever be remembered, and her unwavering commitment to the betterment of society will forever live in the hearts and minds of those she mentored.

First elected to the Indiana General Assembly as a member of the Indiana House of Representatives in 1980, it was apparent upon her arrival that a true champion of civil rights had come to Indianapolis. Following a remarkable career as a State Representative, Anita was

elected to the State Senate in 1992. As a member of both the House and Senate, Anita served on many committees, and prior to her passing, she was the ranking member on the Senate's Pension and Labor Committee, where she fought tirelessly for workers' rights. Additionally, though she received many awards and accolades for her efforts in promoting and preserving civil rights, Anita has the distinct honor of being the first woman to act as House Speaker in the history of the State of Indiana.

Throughout her illustrious career, aside from being known as an eloquent speaker, Anita was often referred to as the "Conscience of the General Assembly." Undoubtedly, this moniker stemmed from her desire to better society through supporting legislation aimed at what is just and what is right. This desire for equality and inclusion was demonstrated time and time again, even in her final speech from the podium, when she reminded her colleagues that the State constitution was intended to preserve rights, not to take them away.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring State Senator Anita Bowser for her outstanding devotion to her community and the State of Indiana. Her unselfish and lifelong dedication to her family, friends, students, and those she so faithfully served in her elected positions is worthy of the highest commendation. Anita's selflessness and her commitment to preserving the rights of all people are an inspiration to us all, and I am proud to have called her my friend.

IN RECOGNITION OF TERRI  
POCZERWINSKI

**HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements of Terri Poczzerwinski from Evansville, Indiana. Tomorrow, Mrs. Poczzerwinski will be one of four graduates to receive the Career College Association's Graduate Recognition for Excellence, Achievement and Talent (GREAT) Award. To be selected among the 1.8 million students in career colleges across the country is truly a remarkable feat.

Mrs. Poczzerwinski's story is one of triumph over tragedy. She enrolled in the medical assisting program at Indiana Business College (IBC) in April 2005. She excelled in her classes even while recovering from surgery the beginning of fall term. Then in November 2005, tragedy struck when Terri lost her daughter Melinda in the tornadoes that ravaged southwest Indiana. Despite struggling with her personal grief, Mrs. Poczzerwinski continued her hard work and success in the classroom.

Then two days before Thanksgiving and again before Christmas, her son-in-law was injured by an improvised exploding device while serving in Iraq. But Mrs. Poczzerwinski pressed forward, graduating from IBC last December with a 3.57 grade point average. She now works at Hebron Pediatrics.